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Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Karnataka

3962. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to replace old telephone exchanges in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken a decision to provided electronic exchanges throughout the state during 1992-93;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As part of 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) it is proposed to:-

Replace life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired.

Replace small size elector-mechanical exchanges (MAX-III and line finder type MAX-II).

In Karnataka State all exchanges have already been automatised.

(c) and (d). About 290 electronic exchanges are proposed to be set up throughout Karnataka during 1992-93 subject to the approval of the annual plan, availability of demand and timely availability of equipment.

SHIFTING OF P. M. G. Office to Jalandhar

3963. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it had been decided to shift the regional P. M. G. (Punjab) office from Chandiharh to Jalandhar city;

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be shifted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) There is no regional Postmaster General in Punjab Postal Circle. There is a post of Postmaster General and this office functions from the headquaters office of the Chief Postmaster General at Chandigarh. It is not proposed to shift the Postmaster General, Punjab Circle from Chandigarh to Jalandhar as this will not be in the administrative interest.

Revamping of Durgapur Thermal Power Plan:

3964. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded its approval to the Damodar Valley Corporations Rs. 322 crore proposal to revamp the two units at the Durgapur Thermal Power Plan which were damaged by fire;

(b) whether these units are being rehabilitated by some multinational despite the fact that the order- starving Bharat Heavy Electriclals Ltd. had also made an offer; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-

VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Steps to Regulate Foreign T. V. Programmes.

3965. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI SHRAVAN KUAMAR PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered to regulate or control the reception of foreign T. V. programmes received through satellites;

(b) whether the Government also propose to transmit T. V. programmes originating in India to foreign countries;

(c) whether the Government have instituted any regulation for the installation of special antenna for reception of the foreign programmes; and

(d) whether it is technically feasible to black-out T. V. programmes beamed at the country through satellites?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) tc (c). The existing licensing procedure prescribed and administered by the Ministry of Communications does not permit installation of dish antenna for reception of TV programmes from foreign satellites. By fixture of technical spillover, Doordarshan programmes can be received in neighbouring countries by installation of an appropriately designed Dish-Antenna system.

(d) Such action may not be in confirmity with ITU Radio Regulatory Provisions.

Hotels Lodges and Yatri Niwas Construction in Kerala

3966. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM IN KERALA be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided by the Union Government to Kerala and the number of hotels, lodges and yatri-niwas constructed in each district of Kerala during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for more yatri-niwas; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINSTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned Rs. 350.00 lakhs for projects/scheme for development of tourism infrastructure in Kerala during the last three years. During this period, three projects for loges and yatri niwases have been sanction ed at different location in Kerala for Central assistance.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Iisco

3967 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Indian Iron and Steel company for modernisation has been rejected by the Government;